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TITLE: IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS-BASED FILE OPERATIONS IN
PROPRIETARY OPERATING SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Response. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time for Response, up to and including June 18, 2003, is submitted herewith. The format of this Amendment and Response complies with the February 25, 2003 Official Gazette Notice entitled, "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- The **RESPONSE** begins on page 6 of this paper.